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SUBJECT: OFFICE SPACE AT DONAU PARK FOR U.S. MISSION TO

- IAEA AND UNIDO

1. GEORGE DAVIDSON, UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT, SOUGHT OUT U.S. PERMREP TO UNIDO JUST BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK MARCH 13 AT END OF UN CONFERENCE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY. DAVIDSON SAID UN EXPECTED TO MAKE SPACE AVAILABLE IN NEW UN COMPLEX AT DONAU PARK, VIENNA, TO ACCREDITED MISSIONS. TERMS HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY WORKED OUT BUT PLAN IS TO CHARGE "NORMAL COMMERCIAL" RENT WITH UN KEEPING ENOUGH TO COVER ITS OVERHEAD AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AND BALANCE BEING TURNED OVER TO AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT "SINCE UN DOESN'T WANT TO MAKE A PROFIT ON THE ARRANGEMENT." SPACE WOULD PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE FOR MINIMUM FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. DAVIDSON SAID TWO COUNTRIES -- SAUDI ARABIA AND SWEDEN -- HAVE ALREADY MADE INQUIRIES ABOUT SPACE IN DONAU PARK. HE SAID, IF U.S. IS INTERESTED, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE EARLY INDICATION IN WRITING OF THAT FACT.

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2. MISSION RECOMMENDS PROMPT RESPONSE TO DAVIDSON IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH OUR PLACE ON LIST OF POTENTIAL OCCUPANTS OF DONAU PARK SPACE, RECOGNIZING THAT MANY QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE FINAL DECISION MADE. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT OR USUN WRITE TO DAVIDSON ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) WE UNDERSTAND FROM MARCH 13 CONVERSATION THAT UN

EXPECTS TO OFFER OFFICE SPACE IN DONAU PARK TO ACCREDITED MISSIONS.

(B) USG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONSIDERING ACQUISITION OF SUCH SPACE FOR ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO IAEA AND UNIDO ON BASIS OF MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT.

(C) IN ORDER TO ASSIST OUR CONSIDERATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH SPACE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

3. MISSION TO IAEA AND EMBASSY CONCUR IN THIS RECOMMENDATION. LEARY

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